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Public Act No. 12-128

AN ACT CONCERNING THE CAPITOL SCHOLARSHIP GRANT PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Section 10a-169 of the 2012 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

[(a)] For the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 1987, and thereafter, any student (1) who is a resident of the state as defined under sections 10a-28, 10a-29, and 10a-30, (2) who has not received a baccalaureate degree, and (3) who has been accepted for study on a full-time or part-time basis at any postsecondary school, technical institute, college or university within the state or in any other state which permits its students to bring state student financial assistance funds into Connecticut shall be eligible for financial assistance under the capitol scholarship grant program at any stage of postsecondary study. All such institutions shall be previously approved or accredited by the Board of Regents for Higher Education or by the State Board of Education for postsecondary study. Grants under said program shall be based on financial need and either previous high school academic achievement or performance on standardized academic aptitude tests, as determined by the [Board of Regents for] Office of Higher

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Education. The maximum award tendered to a student attending an institution in the state shall not exceed three thousand dollars annually. The maximum award tendered to a student attending an out-of-state institution shall not exceed five hundred dollars annually. Sums so awarded shall be disbursed by the accepting institution on behalf of the student for tuition fees, books, board or any legitimate educational expense.

[(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2012, and June 30, 2013, (1) no student shall be eligible for financial assistance under the capitol scholarship grant program unless such student was eligible and received financial assistance in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, and (2) grants under said program shall be reduced proportionately if the total amount of such grants exceeds the amount appropriated to the capitol scholarship program in section 1 of public act 11-6.]

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